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MEETING OF THE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE TIME

Thursday, March 1, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Transportation Committee
Members – March 2012

Members

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	19. Hon. Bert Hack	Laguna Woods	OCCOG
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	* 28. Hon. Michele Martinez	Santa Ana	District 16
	29. Mr. James McCarthy		Caltrans - District 7
	30. Hon. Brian McDonald		Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
	31. Hon. Ryan McEachron	Victorville	SANBAG
	* 32. Hon. Marsha McLean	Santa Clarita	North L. A. County
	* 33. Hon. Barbara Messina	Alhambra	District 34
	* 34. Hon. Leroy Mills	Cypress	District 18

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* 54. Hon. Donald Voss	La Cañada/Flintridge	District 36
55. Hon. Alan Wapner	Ontario	SANBAG

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

MARCH 1, 2012

The Transportation Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action Items.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Hon. Paul Glaab, Chair)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker’s card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

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| 1. <u>Minutes of the February 2, 2012 Meeting</u> | Attachment | 1 |

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| 2. <u>Imperial County Highway Sanctions Update</u> | Attachment | 8 |
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ACTION ITEM

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| 3. <u>High Desert Corridor Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</u>
<i>(Naresh Amatya, SCAG Staff)</i> | Attachment | 10 mins. | 10 |
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Recommended Action: Recommend that the Regional Council authorize the Executive Director to sign the High Desert Corridor Partnership MOU.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 4. <u>Draft 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Summary of Comments Received</u>
<i>(Naresh Amatya, SCAG Staff)</i> | Attachment | 5 mins. | 47 |
| 5. <u>Update on the State Route 241 (SR-241) Extension Project</u>
<i>(Transportation Corridor Agencies)</i> | Attachment | 5 mins. | 48 |

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT
(Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair)

6. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Report **Attachment** **5 mins.** **49**

HIGH-SPEED RAIL (HSR) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT
(Hon. Keith Millhouse, Chair)

7. High-Speed Rail (HSR) Update **Attachment** **5 mins.** **50**
 (Steve Fox, SCAG Staff)

CHAIR'S REPORT
(Hon. Paul Glaab, Chair)

STAFF REPORT
(Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Committee member or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such a request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. There will also be a Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting to be held on March 21, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

The 2012 Regional Council and General Assembly will be on April 4-5, 2012 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles.

Transportation Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments

February 2, 2012

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation Committee (TC) held its meeting at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Hon. Keith Millhouse, City of Moorpark. There was a quorum.

Members Present:

Hon. Jerry Amante, Tustin	OCTA
Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
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Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark (Vice-Chair)	VCTC
Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress	District 18
Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea	District 22
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
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Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
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Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario	SANBAG

Members Not Present:

Hon. Jeff Cooper, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Mary Craton, Canyon Lake	RCTC
Hon. Glenn Duncan, Chino	District 10
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel (Chair)	District 12
Hon. Thomas Glancy, Thousand Oaks	VCOG
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	GCCOG
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Ryan Kelley, Brawley	ICTC
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Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	District 44
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Voting Members, Non-Elected Officials:

McCarthy, James (Present)	Caltrans – District 7
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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Hon. Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Hasan Ikhrata, SCAG Executive Director, announced that nominations for Committee Chair and Vice-Chair are fast approaching and requested that members agree upon when to hold the nominations and whether to hold open or closed ballot voting. Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, recommended that the voting be held at the March 21st special meeting which will be after district elections. After some discussion, members agreed to hold open ballot nominations at the March 21st special meeting.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of September 1, 2011 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Hack) to approve the minutes. The MOTION was SECONDED (McLean) and one member ABSTAINED (Betts). Motion passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. High-Speed Rail Update

Mr. Steve Fox, SCAG staff, provided a brief update on the following high-speed rail (HSR) items: 1) the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) voted to continue with the Antelope Valley (AV) alignment of the California High-Speed Train (CHST), 2) the CHSRA's draft Business Plan's public comment deadline was postponed to January 16, 2012 and an official public comment was submitted from SCAG by way of a joint Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) letter that focused on Chapter 2 of its Business Plan which talks about investing in local regional rail systems until the CHST is built. 3) The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Working Group has completed its draft language and all eight (8) signatories have agreed on the language with their respective boards set to approve the MOU sometime this month. The MOU includes a draft Prioritized Rail Improvement List that has been approved and will be further refined by the County Transportation Commissions' CEOs at their February 2012 meeting.

Hon. Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita, provided a letter on behalf of the City which suggests modifications to the MOU related to the high-speed train project improvements within the Prioritized Rail Improvement List. Mr. Ikhrata stated that as of today, the MOU has been approved by Los Angeles Metro and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), therefore, there is no liberty to modify the MOU

since the current version of the MOU has already been adopted by a few agencies. Mr. Ikhata reminded members that they do have the ability to reject the MOU; however, he recommended against this and stated that any amendment to the MOU would require that it be re-examined by all of the signing agencies and would further delay its approval.

Hon. Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos, added that the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) supports the MOU but a key point that was discussed by the GCCOG is the performance language. Hon. Barrows encouraged members to include this language.

Hon. Trish Kelley, City of Mission Viejo, questioned why the MOU was going directly to the Regional Council (RC) and bypassing the TC. Mr. Ikhata explained that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee and the HSR Subcommittee established a deadline for the MOU to be executed by February 1, 2012. On January 27, 2012, the RTP Subcommittee took an action to extend the deadline to March 1, 2012 so that board approvals take place by March 1, 2012 and the MOU is executed before the adoption of the 2012 RTP. Hon. Kelley added that this topic warranted a special meeting. She also asked that if the larger statewide CHSR project in Central California doesn't proceed, will Southern California lose its share of funds. Mr. Ikhata stated that if the project doesn't move forward there is still a potential to receive these funds.

Hon. Bert Hack, City of Laguna Woods, encouraged members to continue with the MOU without any modifications.

Hon. Shawn Nelson, Orange County, recommended that the HSR Subcommittee continue or at least meet every 6 months in order to monitor performance.

Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario, provided background information as to the development of the MOU and reminded members that this is a one-way commitment for the CHSRA to commit to funding our existing corridors. Hon. Wapner also announced his support towards the continuation of the HSR Subcommittee and recommended that the MOU be executed without any amendments.

Hon. Pam O'Connor, City of Santa Monica, also supported the continuation of the HSR Subcommittee.

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Vice-Chair, reminded members that this is only an information item and will go to the RC for action.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair, provided a brief update on the January 27, 2012 RTP Subcommittee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to have staff update members on the comments that have been received to date on the draft 2012 RTP and to provide any necessary policy direction. Only a few technical comments have been received to date and staff is expecting the majority of the comments to be submitted closer to the public comment deadline of February 14, 2012. Therefore, the RTP Subcommittee will hold another meeting sometime between the comment deadline and the next TC meeting.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL (HSR) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Item was discussed in conjunction with Item 2.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Due to time constraints, no Chair's Report was provided.

STAFF REPORT

Due to time constraints, no Staff Report was provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The RTP Subcommittee will provide its recommendations at next month's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to time constraints, no Announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am. The next regular meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.



Jonathan Nadler, Manager
Transportation Modeling, Air Quality and Conformity

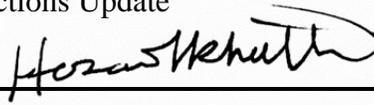
**Transportation Committee Attendance Report
2012**

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2	Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X															
3	Barrows, Bruce*	Cerritos		X															
4	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X															
5	Betts, Russell	CVAG				X													
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27	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X														
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29	McCarthy, James	Caltrans - District 7																	
30	McEachron, Ryan	Victorville					X												
31	McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X															
32	Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X															

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33	Millhouse, Keith*						X		X										
34	Mills, Leroy*			X					X										
35	Mitzelfelt, Brad*					X			NM										
36	Murdock, Brett			X					X										
37	Neal, Steven*		X																
38	Nelson, Shawn*			X					X										
39	O'Connor, Pam*		X						X										
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41	Parks, Bernard*		X																
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DATE: March 1, 2012
TO: Transportation Committee (TC)
FROM: Rongsheng Luo, Program Manager, (213) 236-1994, luo@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: Imperial County Highway Sanctions Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only - No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As reported in the January 2012 SCAG Executive Director's Monthly Report, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiated an inter-agency consultation process last November in preparation for highway sanctions that are likely to be imposed in Imperial County starting August 9, 2012. Staff has consulted with the parties and has confirmed that the highway sanctions will not trigger conformity freeze or lapse and only apply to Imperial County. SCAG is not required to amend the Regional Transportation Plan/Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (RTP/FTIP) as a result of the highway sanctions and RTP/FTIP amendments can be processed during highway sanctions. Staff has worked closely with the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and Caltrans to prepare for the implementation of highway sanctions to minimize potential impacts.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1. Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:

As reported in the January 2012 Executive Director's Monthly Report, the US EPA initiated an inter-agency consultation process in November 2011 to begin preparation for the highway sanctions that are likely to be imposed in Imperial County beginning August 9, 2012. EPA had finalized a limited disapproval of rule revisions to the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) portion of the California PM10 State Implementation Plan (SIP) under the Clean Air Act. This action concerns local rules that regulate coarse particulate matter (PM10) emissions from sources of fugitive dust such as construction sites, unpaved roads, and disturbed soils in open and agricultural areas in Imperial County, specifically:

- Rule 800 - General Requirements for Control of Fine Particulate Matter
- Rule 801 - Construction & Earthmoving Activities
- Rule 802 - Bulk Materials
- Rule 803 - Carry Out & Track Out
- Rule 804 - Open Areas

- Rule 805 - Paved & Unpaved Roads
- Rule 806 - Conservation Management Practices

REPORT

The EPA action triggers two sanction clocks in Imperial County: (1) stationary source sanctions start February 9, 2012; and (2) highway sanctions start August 9, 2012. The highway sanctions will not trigger conformity freeze or lapse and only apply to Imperial County. SCAG is not required to amend the RTP/FTIP to only include projects that may proceed during highway sanctions. Furthermore, RTP/FTIP amendments can be processed during highway sanctions and any project in need of clarification must be brought to the Transportation Conformity Working Group for interagency consultation and determination. However, under highway sanctions, transportation spending in Imperial County will be limited. Only certain types of transportation projects such as safety, environmentally-beneficial, transit, and planning and research activities are exempt. Federal-aid projects that expand highway capacity cannot be approved for funding. In addition, the impact of highway sanctions in Imperial County is required to be disclosed to the public as part of the planning process but no separate process is necessary. To turn off the highway sanctions, ICAPCD must adopt, ARB must submit, and EPA must approve SIP revisions that address the deficiencies identified in EPA's July 8, 2010 final action.

ICAPCD and California Department of Parks and Recreation sued EPA in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit regarding disapproval of the rules and the lawsuit is pending. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) and South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) have filed an amicus brief respectively in support of the lawsuit. Oral argument for the lawsuit was held on February 15, 2012.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in consultation with EPA, has provided guidance on the highway sanction process: (1) Caltrans, in consultation with ICTC, SCAG and other project sponsors, should submit to FHWA by June 8, 2012 three (3) final project lists (exempt projects; non-exempt projects that could receive approval; and impacted projects); (2) FHWA and EPA staff will meet by June 25, 2012 to finalize lists of projects that could proceed during sanctions; and (3) FHWA Division Administrator shall notify the Governor or the Governor's designee in writing by July 25, 2012 to inform consequences of the highway sanctions and potential solutions to minimize disruptions.

Staff has been actively participating in the inter-agency consultation process to (1) seek clarifications/guidance from FHWA and EPA on how the highway sanctions will be implemented and (2) start preparation for the implementation of highway sanctions with ICTC and Caltrans to minimize the impact on the RTP, FTIP, and transportation projects in Imperial County. Staff is also working with ICAPCD, ARB and EPA to resolve issues leading to the EPA action in order to avert the highway sanctions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY10-11 Overall Work Program (11-025.SCG0164.01: Air Quality Planning and Conformity).

ATTACHMENT:

None.

DATE: March 1, 2012

TO: Regional Council (RC)
Transportation Committee (TC)

BY: Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning, 213-236-1805, macias@scag.ca.gov

FROM: Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, 213-236-1944, ikhata@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: High Desert Corridor Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

For Regional Council:

Authorize the Executive Director to sign the High Desert Corridor Partnership MOU.

For Transportation Committee:

Recommend that the RC authorize the Executive Director to sign the High Desert Corridor Partnership MOU.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) has invited SCAG to join the High Desert Corridor Project Team, whose other members would consist of LACMTA, the State of California Department of Transportation, High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority, County of Los Angeles, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino Associated Governments, Town of Apple Valley, City of Adelanto, City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, and the City of Victorville. The MOU details each participating agency's role, and commits SCAG to play an advisory and support role to move the project forward in a timely manner.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item support SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies, Objective a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:

Over the course of the past few years, various parties across the SCAG region have committed funding and taken actions to advance the High Desert Corridor Project. Specifically, on May 8, 2008, the RC adopted the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which includes the High Desert Corridor. On September 12, 2008, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) entered into a MOU with the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (HDCJPA) to provide \$500,000 to support the HDCJPA's efforts to seek innovative funding to decrease the time and money needed to construct the High Desert Corridor/E-220, which was amended and restated on February 7, 2011 by LACMTA and HDCJPA. On November 2008, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure R, a one-half (½) cent local sales tax that will provide \$33 million for the environmental clearance for a portion of the project that extends from SR-14 to I-15. On October 22, 2009, the LACMTA Board adopted the 2009 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which included a portion of the project that extends from SR-14 to I-15 in its Constrained Element.

REPORT

On December 10, 2009, the LACMTA Board approved \$2 million from the \$33 million Measure R Funds to conduct a Strategic Assessment and Business Case Development for the project. On May 13, 2010, HDCJPA transferred an \$800,000 Federal demonstration earmark originally received by the City of Victorville through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for use on this project. On May 27, 2010, the LACMTA Board adopted \$750,000 from the \$33 million in Measure R Funds for community outreach to supplement Caltrans standard efforts for the environmental clearance. The City of Victorville has also received six (6) Federal demonstration earmarks totaling \$15.6 million for the project from US-395 to SR-18/Bear Valley Road, of which approximately \$6 million has been expended on environmental clearance efforts in this segment. The City of Victorville plans to transfer the remaining \$9.6 million to Caltrans to complete the environmental clearance work in this segment. On December 1, 2011, the RC approved the release of the Draft 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), which includes the High Desert Corridor.

Efforts are currently underway to proceed with the Project Approval/Environmental Documentation (PA/ED) in the form of an Environmental Impact Report/Statement of an east/west expressway/freeway/possible toll route connecting the SR-14 and SR-18/Bear Valley Road, and Caltrans is currently advancing a PA/ED on the portion of the project along the SR-138 from the SR-14 to 100th Street East. The various parties involved desire that a PA/ED for the entire length of the project be completed.

In order to facilitate the collaboration of the various parties, and to clearly define the roles, responsibilities, and any funding commitments of each party, LACMTA has prepared the proposed High Desert Corridor Partnership MOU with input from the various parties. The MOU formally creates a project team that comprises LACMTA, who would assume a project management role; Caltrans, who would assume a project management role for the EIR/S; HDCJPA; County of Los Angeles; County of San Bernardino; San Bernardino Associated Governments; Town of Apple Valley; City of Adelanto; City of Lancaster; City of Palmdale; City of Victorville; and SCAG. The MOU commits SCAG to the following:

- A. Coordinate with and inform the Project Team on the timing, need, and appropriateness of reflecting Project updates in the RTP and the FTIP while meeting federal and state requirements in order to allow the Project to move forward in a timely manner.
- B. Facilitate policy review as necessary by SCAG's Regional Council and Transportation Committee before final adoption of key deliverables.
- C. Support and assist with grant applications as well as seeking other funding sources when appropriate opportunities become available.
- D. Provide materials and services within SCAG's capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- E. Participate in outreach activities.
- F. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- G. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- H. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the Parties.
- I. Review and provide comment on Project deliverables.
- J. Participate in Project Team meetings.

REPORT

The MOU does not commit SCAG to providing any funding, or to providing any services beyond SCAG's current capabilities. It is expected that one of the primary purposes of SCAG's participation in the High Desert Corridor Project Team would be to allow SCAG to closely follow the progress of the project in order to anticipate potential RTP amendments that may need to be made in order to allow the project to move forward in a timely fashion. Therefore, staff recommends that the Executive Director be authorized to sign this High Desert Corridor Partnership MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is funded in the FY2011-12 Overall Work Program under WBS No. 010-0170A "RTP Support, Development, and Implementation."

ATTACHMENT:

High Desert Corridor Partnership MOU

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

THE SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

CITY OF ADELANTO

CITY OF LANCASTER

CITY OF PALMDALE

AND

CITY OF VICTORVILLE

REGARDING THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR FROM THE SR-14 IN LOS
ANGELES COUNTY TO THE SR-18/BEAR VALLEY ROAD IN SAN
BERNARDINO COUNTY

RECITALS:

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made by and among the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“LACMTA”), State of California acting through its Department of Transportation (“STATE”), High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (“HDCJPA”), County of Los Angeles acting through its Department of Public Works (“LACDPW”), County of San Bernardino acting through its Department of Public Works (“SBCDPW”), San Bernardino Associated Governments (“SANBAG”), Southern California Association of Governments (“SCAG”), Town of Apple Valley, City of Adelanto, City of

Lancaster, City of Palmdale and City of Victorville are collectively referred to as the “Parties”.

1. WHEREAS, the High Desert Corridor/E-220 is officially designated in Section 1304 of the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (“SAFETEA-LU”) as a High Priority Corridor on the National Highway System from Los Angeles, California to Las Vegas, Nevada via Palmdale and Victorville in California;
2. WHEREAS, the Parties are undertaking the Project Approval/Environmental Document (“PA/ED”) for the High Desert Corridor (“HDC”) that extends from State Route (SR) 14 to SR-18 / Bear Valley Road (the “Project”). Attachment 1 contains the proposed alternatives corridor map and is incorporated herein by this reference;
3. WHEREAS, in November 2006, the Counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino entered into a joint powers authority agreement to create the HDCJPA to provide for the planning, design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of public and/or private transportation and utility corridor(s) from Los Angeles County in the vicinity of the Cities of Palmdale and/or Lancaster to San Bernardino County in the vicinity of the City of Victorville, Town of Apple Valley, and City of Adelanto;
4. WHEREAS, SCAG is a joint powers agency established pursuant to Section 6500 et seq. of the California Government Code, and is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §134(d) for the Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside, and San Bernardino, and is required by 23 U.S.C. §134(a), 49 U.S.C. §5301 et seq., 23 CFR §450.312, and 49 CFR §613.100 to maintain a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in its development of the Regional Transportation Plan (“RTP”) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (“FTIP”);
5. WHEREAS, SANBAG is the Council of Governments and transportation planning agency for the County of San Bernardino, responsible for the County’s Comprehensive Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”);
6. WHEREAS, the STATE, acting through its Department of Transportation, is responsible for approving, funding, and helping to implement those transportation programs in that portion of Southern California which includes all of Los Angeles, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to further statewide transportation policy;

7. WHEREAS, the LACMTA is the transportation planning and programming agency for Los Angeles County and is responsible for Los Angeles County's Long Range Transportation Plan ("LRTP") and the Los Angeles County TIP;
8. WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley and the Cities of Victorville, Adelanto, Lancaster and Palmdale have representatives on the HDCJPA Board of Directors and are cities that will be directly affected by the High Desert Corridor/E-220 construction and operations. Each city desires to see the Project be advanced;
9. WHEREAS, on September 12, 2008, LACMTA entered into an MOU with the HDCJPA to provide \$500,000 to support the HDCJPA's efforts to seek innovative funding to decrease the time and money needed to construct the High Desert Corridor/E-220, which was amended and restated on February 7, 2011 by LACMTA and HDCJPA;
10. WHEREAS, on November 2008, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure R, a one-half (½) cent local sales tax that will provide \$33 million for the environmental clearance for a portion of the Project that extends from SR-14 to Interstate (I) -15;
11. WHEREAS, on October 22, 2009, the LACMTA Board adopted the 2009 LRTP, which included a portion of the Project that extends from SR-14 to I -15 in its "Constrained" Element;
12. WHEREAS, on December 10, 2009, the LACMTA Board approved \$2 million in Measure R Funds from the \$33 million to conduct a Strategic Assessment and Business Case Development ("Business Case Development") for the Project;
13. WHEREAS, through the SAFETEA-LU Act, the City of Victorville received an \$800,000 Federal demonstration earmark which it transferred to the HDCJPA. On May 13, 2010, the HDCJPA authorized the execution of an agreement to transfer authorization of the \$800,000 Federal demonstration earmark to STATE for use on the Project;
14. WHEREAS, on May 27, 2010, the LACMTA Board adopted \$750,000 in Measure R Funds from the \$33 million for community outreach to supplement STATE standard efforts for the environmental clearance;
15. WHEREAS, the City of Victorville received six (6) Federal demonstration earmarks totaling \$15.6 million for the Project from US-395 to SR-18/Bear Valley Road;
16. WHEREAS, the City of Victorville has expended approximately \$6 million from the Federal demonstration earmarks on efforts for the environmental clearance on the Project from US-395 to SR-18/Bear Valley Road, the

remaining approximately \$9.6 million will be transferred to STATE to complete the environmental clearance for the Project from US-395 to SR-18/Bear Valley Road;

17. WHEREAS, the Parties intend to work together and with other appropriate governmental and non-governmental agencies to create a cooperative framework to coordinate the appropriate aspects of the Project;
18. WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that efforts are underway to proceed with the Project Approval/Environmental Documentation (“PA/ED”) in the form of an Environmental Impact Report/Statement (“EIR/S”) of an east/west expressway/freeway/possible toll route connecting the SR-14 and SR-18/Bear Valley Road;
19. WHEREAS, the STATE is currently advancing a PA/ED on the portion of the Project along the SR-138 from the SR-14 to 100th Street East and the Parties desire that a PA/ED for the entire length of the Project be completed. The STATE has the delegated authority from the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”) to approve environmental documents, which will help to accelerate the Project’s process; and
20. WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOU is to effectuate the collaboration of the Parties as it relates to the Project and to define the roles and responsibilities and funding commitments, if any, of the Parties with regard to the Project.

AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree, that the recitals are incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein and, as follows:

1. This MOU shall be effective on, the date of full execution by mutual agreement of the Parties.
2. The Parties agree that the Project's governance structure shall consist of a project team ("Project Team") consisting of LACMTA in charge of Project Management, STATE in charge of EIR/S Project Management, HDCJPA, and County of Los Angeles, County of San Bernardino, SANBAG, SCAG, Town of Apple Valley, City of Adelanto, City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale and City of Victorville, participating as further detailed herein.
3. The Parties shall each appoint a representative to the Project Team.
4. The Parties shall provide services and materials within individual agency capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project to the extent described in the roles and responsibilities.
5. The Parties shall participate in stakeholder outreach to the extent described in the roles and responsibilities.
6. The Parties shall assist in the analysis of the viability and appropriateness of a public private partnership approach to the Project to the extent described in the roles and responsibilities.
7. The Parties shall act as technical advisor for the completion of the Project to the extent described in the roles and responsibilities.
8. The Parties shall assist and provide data and technical assistance to partner agencies as appropriate to the extent described in the roles and responsibilities.
9. If additional funding is required to complete the portion of the Project from US-395 to SR-18/ Bear Valley Road, the City of Victorville, Town of Apple Valley and City of Adelanto shall not be obligated to contribute additional funding.
10. If excess Federal demonstration earmark funds from the City of Victorville remain after the completion of the Project, said funding will be made available 50% to the City of Victorville and 50% to the Town of Apple Valley for purchase of right of way for the Project within each agency's jurisdiction.
11. The Parties are tasked with the following roles and responsibilities:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY:

- A. Provide \$33 million for PA/ED from SR-14 to SR-18/Bear Valley, of which a portion of these funds will be designated to perform the Business Case Development and supplemental outreach efforts.
- B. Manage the contract for supplemental outreach efforts in support of the environmental clearance which will utilize a portion of the Measure R funds programmed for the Project.
- C. Entered into a Funding Agreement MOU.MR550, Caltrans Agreement No. 07-4895, dated April 1, 2010, with STATE for the Project, wherein the parties agree in more detail than is provided herein for the funding of the STATE's efforts hereunder.
- D. Oversee and manage the STATE's efforts to environmentally clear the Project.
- E. Review materials produced by the STATE for quality and completeness before forwarding to the Project Team.
- F. Participate in Project Team meetings.
- G. If the STATE so requests, the LACMTA "Bench" may be utilized to contract for specific task order component(s) of the Project. If the LACMTA Bench is used, the expense shall be paid for with funds programmed to the Project. The "Bench" is an established qualified list of candidates for contracts under Request For Interest/Qualifications to the contractor.
- H. Utilize, to the maximum extent possible, environmental and engineering documentation prepared by the City of Victorville / Town of Apple Valley for the eastern portion of the High Desert Corridor/E-220 of the Project.
- I. Ensure that the Project defined purpose and need conforms to the intent of the Federal demonstration earmarks designated for the Project.
- J. Contract for and direct performance of the Business Case Development analysis.
- K. Meet with HDCJPA, the Town of Apple Valley, City of Adelanto, City of Victorville, City of Palmdale and City of Lancaster, in conjunction with HDCJPA and the State Project Management Staff prior to each Project Team meeting if requested by any of those parties.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

- A. Entered into a Funding Agreement MOU.MR550, Caltrans Agreement No. 07-4895, dated April 1, 2010, with LACMTA to enable Project funds to reimburse the STATE for Project work.
- B. Act as the Lead Agency for the National Environmental Protection Act (“NEPA”) and California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) to ensure completion of the Project.
- C. Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with HDCJPA for the transfer of \$800,000 of Federal demonstration earmark funds, earmarked to the High Desert Corridor/E-220 and obtain authorization to proceed, (E-76 approval).
- D. Coordinate with Project Team members affected by the Project.
- E. Provide traffic data to LACMTA for use of the Project’s Business Case Development.
- F. Review outreach materials for accuracy and participate in outreach activities.
- G. Participation in Project Team meetings.
- H. If in-house resources are not available to complete specific technical components of the Project, utilize the STATE’s “Bench” to contract for these specific Project components. If the STATE’s Bench lacks the needed resource, utilize LACMTA’s Bench.
- I. Utilize, to the maximum extent possible, environmental and engineering documentation prepared by the City of Victorville / Town of Apple Valley for the eastern portion of the High Desert Corridor/E-220 of the Project.
- J. Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Victorville for the transfer of the remaining Federal demonstration earmarks, estimated at \$9.6 million, to STATE for the Project.
- K. Upon transfer of the remaining Federal demonstration earmarks, obtain authorization to proceed, (E-76 approval).
- L. Utilize STATE Toll Credits, or other fund source, to provide the entire match for the Federal demonstration earmarks transferred from the City of Victorville and the HDCJPA to STATE.

- M. Ensure that the Project's defined purpose and need conforms to the intent of the Federal demonstration earmarks.

- N. Meet with HDCJPA, the Town of Apple Valley, City of Adelanto, City of Victorville, City of Palmdale, and City of Lancaster, in conjunction with LACMTA and HDCJPA, prior to each Project Team meeting, if requested by any one of those parties.

HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY:

- A. Review, have input and comment on materials and work products for the Project before they are forwarded to the Project Team.
- B. Meet with the Town of Apple Valley, City of Adelanto, City of Victorville, and City of Lancaster in conjunction with LACMTA and State Project Management Staff, prior to each Project Team meetings if requested by any one of those parties.
- C. Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with STATE for the transfer of Federal demonstration earmark funds, subject to the concurrence from the sponsoring Congressman, of \$800,000, from the HDCJPA to STATE for the completion of the Project.
- D. Provide materials and services within individual agency capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- E. Assist with outreach consultant efforts, identify stakeholders, and participate in outreach activities.
- F. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- G. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- H. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the parties.
- I. Review and provide comment on Project deliverables.
- J. Participate in Project Team meetings.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

- A. Cooperate on the Project to ensure that impacts to any County roadways or any other County facilities are appropriately addressed.
- B. Provide materials and services within individual County agency capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- C. Participate in outreach activities.
- D. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- E. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- F. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the Parties.
- G. Review and provide comment on Project deliverables.
- H. Participate in Project Team meetings.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY:

- A. Cooperate on the Project to ensure that impacts to any County roadways or any other County facilities are appropriately addressed.
- B. Provide materials and services within individual County agency capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- C. Participate in outreach activities.
- D. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- E. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- F. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the Parties.
- G. Review and provide comment on Project deliverables.
- H. Participate in Project Team meetings.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS:

- A. Coordinate with and inform the Project Team on the timing, need, and appropriateness of reflecting Project updates in the RTP and FTIP while meeting federal and state requirements in order to allow the Project to move forward in a timely manner.
- B. Facilitate policy review as necessary by SANBAG Board of Directors and SANBAG policy committees before final adoption of key deliverables.
- C. Support and assist with grant applications as well as seeking other funding sources when appropriate opportunities become available.
- D. Provide materials and services within individual County agency capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- E. Participate in outreach activities.
- F. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- G. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- H. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the Parties.
- I. Review and provide comment on Project deliverables.
- J. Participate in Project Team meetings.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS:

- A. Coordinate with and inform the Project Team on the timing, need, and appropriateness of reflecting Project updates in the RTP and the FTIP while meeting federal and state requirements in order to allow the Project to move forward in a timely manner.
- B. Facilitate policy review as necessary by SCAG's Regional Council and Transportation Committee before final adoption of key deliverables.
- C. Support and assist with grant applications as well as seeking other funding sources when appropriate opportunities become available.
- D. Provide materials and services within SCAG's capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- E. Participate in outreach activities.
- F. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- G. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- H. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the Parties.
- I. Review and provide comment on Project deliverables.
- J. Participate in Project Team meetings.

TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

- A. Ensure the Project's scope includes the entirety of the previously defined High Desert Corridor/E-220 from US-395 to SR-18/Bear Valley Road.
- B. Cooperate on the Project to ensure that impacts to any Town of Apple Valley roadways or facilities within the Town of Apple Valley's jurisdiction are adequately mitigated.
- C. Collaborate with STATE on all aspects of interchanges and intersections included in the Project within the Town of Apple Valley's jurisdiction, in accordance with all policies, procedures, practices and standards the STATE would normally follow.
- D. City Engineer, or his/her representative, to have opportunity to meet with LACMTA, STATE Project management, and HDCJPA staff prior to each Project Team meeting.
- E. Provide materials and services within individual agency capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- F. Participate in outreach activities.
- G. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- H. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- I. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the Parties.
- J. Provide data and review deliverables, work products and technical studies to ensure environmental clearance conforms to Project's purpose and need.
- K. Review, have input, and comment on materials and work products for the Project areas within the Town of Apple Valley's jurisdiction before they are forwarded to the Project Team.
- L. Participate in Project Team meetings.

CITY OF ADELANTO

- A. Ensure the Project scope includes the entirety of the previously defined High Desert Corridor/E-220 from US-395 to SR-18/Bear Valley Road.
- B. Cooperate on the Project to ensure that impacts to any City of Adelanto roadways or facilities within the City of Adelanto's jurisdiction are adequately mitigated.
- C. Collaborate with STATE on all aspects of interchanges and intersections included in the Project within the City of Adelanto's jurisdiction, in accordance with all policies, procedures, practices, and standards the STATE would normally follow.
- D. City Engineer, or his/her representative, to have opportunity to meet with LACMTA, STATE Project management, and HDCJPA staff prior to each Project Team meeting.
- E. Provide materials and services within individual agency capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- F. Participate in outreach activities.
- G. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- H. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- I. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the Parties.
- J. Provide data and review deliverables, work products and technical studies to ensure environmental clearance conforms to Project's purpose and need.
- K. Review, have input, and comment on materials and work products for the Project areas within the City of Adelanto's jurisdiction before they are forwarded to the Project Team.
- L. Participate in Project Team meetings.

CITY OF LANCASTER

- A. Cooperate on the Project to ensure that impacts to any City of Lancaster roadways or facilities within the City of Lancaster's jurisdiction are adequately mitigated.
- B. Collaborate with STATE on all aspects of interchanges and intersections included in the Project within the City of Lancaster's jurisdiction, in accordance with all policies, procedures, practices and standards the STATE would normally follow.
- C. City Engineer, or his/her representative, to have opportunity to meet with LACMTA, STATE Project management, and HDCJPA staff prior to each Project Team meeting.
- D. Provide materials and services within individual agency capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- E. Participate in outreach activities.
- F. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- G. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- H. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the Parties.
- I. Provide data and review deliverables, work products and technical studies to ensure environmental clearance conforms to Project's purpose and need.
- J. Review, have input, and comment on materials and work products for the Project areas within the City of Lancaster's jurisdiction before they are forwarded to the Project Team.
- K. Participate in Project Team meetings.

CITY OF PALMDALE

- A. Cooperate on the Project to ensure that impacts to any City of Palmdale roadways or facilities within the City of Palmdale's jurisdiction are adequately mitigated.
- B. Collaborate with STATE on all aspects of interchanges and intersections included in the Project within the City of Palmdale's jurisdiction, in accordance with all policies, procedures, practices and standards the STATE would normally follow.
- C. Public Works Director or his/her representative, to have opportunity to meet with LACMTA, STATE Project management, and HDCJPA staff prior to each Project Team meeting.
- D. Provide materials and services within individual agency capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- E. Participate in outreach activities.
- F. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- G. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- H. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the Parties.
- I. Provide data and review deliverables, work products and technical studies to ensure environmental clearance conforms to Project's purpose and need.
- J. Review, have input, and comment on materials and work products for the Project areas within the City of Palmdale's jurisdiction before they are forwarded to the Project Team.
- K. Participate in Project Team meetings.

CITY OF VICTORVILLE

- A. Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with STATE for the transfer of the remaining Federal demonstration earmark funds, subject to the concurrence from the sponsoring Congressman, of approximately \$9.6 million, from the City of Victorville to STATE for the PROJECT.
- B. Ensure the Project's scope includes the entirety of the previously defined High Desert Corridor/E-220 from US-395 to SR-18/Bear Valley Road.
- C. Cooperate on the Project to ensure that impacts to any City of Victorville roadways or facilities within the City of Victorville's jurisdiction are adequately mitigated.
- D. Collaborate with STATE on all aspects of interchanges and intersections included in the Project within the City of Victorville's jurisdiction, in accordance with all policies, procedures, practices and standards the STATE would normally follow.
- E. City Engineer, or his/her representative, to have opportunity to meet with LACMTA, STATE Project management, and HDCJPA staff prior to each Project Team meeting.
- F. Provide materials and services within individual agency capabilities to facilitate and support implementation of the Project.
- G. Participate in outreach activities.
- H. Assist in the Business Case Development as requested by LACMTA.
- I. Act as a technical advisor for the Project.
- J. Assist and provide data and technical assistance to the Parties.
- K. Provide data and review deliverables, work products and technical studies to ensure environmental clearance conforms to Project's purpose and need.
- L. Review, have input, and comment on materials and work products for the Project areas within the City of Victorville's jurisdiction before they are forwarded to the Project Team.
- M. Participate in Project Team meetings.

12. The Parties agree that the Project Team will provide technical guidance and direction on the Project. The LACMTA Project Manager will be responsible for chairing Project Team meetings. Meeting schedules will be developed collaboratively by the Project Team.
13. The Parties agree that each person selected to be a member of the Project Team shall have the relevant expertise in the technical aspects of the Project.
14. For the preparation of the Project, all applicable Federal laws will be carried out by STATE under its assumption of responsibility pursuant to 23 U. S. C. 327. As such, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”), STATE will be the lead agency with respect to the federal National Environmental Protection Act (“NEPA”), and the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”).
15. Any notice required or permitted under this MOU, shall be in writing and shall be deemed served if sent by registered mail addressed as follows, unless otherwise notified in writing of a change of address:

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16. This MOU may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
17. Each of the Parties acknowledges that it has read and reviewed this MOU and that it has the opportunity to confer with counsel in the negotiation of this MOU. Accordingly, this MOU shall be construed neither for nor against any Party. When the context of this MOU requires, (a) the plural and singular numbers shall be deemed to include the other; (b) the masculine, feminine, and neutral genders shall be deemed to include the others; (c) “or” is not exclusive; (d) “includes” and “including” are not limiting; and (e) all things that in law or usage are considered as incidental to this contract, or as necessary to carry it into effect, are implied even if some of them and not others are expressly mentioned herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this MOU to be duly executed and delivered as of the last date set forth below by the undersigned Parties.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Arthur T. Leahy
Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Andrea Sheridan Ordin
County Counsel

Deputy

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Michael Miles
District Director

Date: _____

HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Brad Mitzelfelt
Chairman

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michelle Blakemore
General Counsel for HDCJPA

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Michael D. Antonovich
Mayor, County of Los Angeles

Date: _____

ATTEST:

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

Deputy

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Josie Gonzales
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gean Renee Baslle
General Counsel

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS

Ty Schuiling
Executive Director

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Penny Alexander
SANBAG Counsel

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Hasan Ikhata
Executive Director

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joann Africa
Chief Legal Counsel

TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

Frank W. Robinson
Town Manager

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John Brown
Town Attorney

By: _____

ATTEST:

Lavond Pareson
Town Clerk

CITY OF ADELANTO

James Hart
City Manager

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Cari Thomas
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Herrea
City Clerk

CITY OF LANCASTER

Mark V. Bozigian
City Manager

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David McEwen
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Geri Bryan
Town Clerk

CITY OF PALMDALE

Stephen H. Williams
City Manager

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

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Rebecca J. Smith
City Clerk

CITY OF VICTORVILLE

Doug Robertson
City Manager

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City Attorney

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DATE: March 1, 2012

TO: Transportation Committee (TC)

FROM: Naresh Amatya, Transportation Planning Manager, amatya@scag.ca.gov, 213-236-1885

SUBJECT: Draft 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)
Summary of Comments Received

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only - No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On December 1, 2011, the Regional Council directed SCAG to release the Draft 2012 RTP/SCS for public review and comment. Comments were due to SCAG by February 14, 2012. Staff will provide a summary of the comments received and identify key policy-related issues for committee discussion and input on March 1, 2012. The full set of comments and responses will be provided at the Special Joint Workshop of the Regional Council and Policy Committees on March 21, 2012.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective: a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:

The formal comment period for the Draft 2012 RTP/SCS was 45 days, beginning December 30, 2011 and ending at 5 p.m. on February 14, 2012. At the time this staff report was written, the comment period had not ended. Staff will provide a summary of the comments received to the Transportation Committee at its meeting on March 1, 2012. The presentation will focus on the key issue areas identified in the comments for discussion and input.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the RTP/SCS development is included in the FY 2011/12 OWP.

ATTACHMENT:

None.

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DATE: March 1, 2012
TO: Transportation Committee (TC)
FROM: Philip Law, Corridors Program Manager, law@scag.ca.gov, 213-236-1841
SUBJECT: Update on the State Route 241 (SR-241) Extension Project

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only - No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff from the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) will provide an update on the State Route 241 (SR-241) Extension Project. This project is a planned toll road extension in Orange County from the existing southerly terminus of SR-241 at Oso Parkway to the Interstate 5 freeway. The SR-241 Extension is included in the adopted 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and the Draft 2012 RTP. Currently, the TCA is developing engineering plans, environmental assessments and a finance plan to build a segment of the SR-241 Extension from Oso Parkway to the vicinity of Ortega Highway.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective: a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:

The SR-241 Extension Project is a planned toll road extension in Orange County from the existing southerly terminus of SR-241 at Oso Parkway to the Interstate 5 freeway. The SR-241 Extension Project has been a part of SCAG's RTP since 1991, and is designated as a Transportation Control Measure (TCM) in the South Coast Air Quality Management Plan. In October 2011, the TCA Board voted to develop engineering plans, complete environmental assessments; and develop a finance plan to extend SR-241 from Oso Parkway to the vicinity of Ortega Highway. The TCA is also continuing to pursue the balance of the alignment from the vicinity of Ortega Highway to the Interstate 5 freeway.

FISCAL IMPACT:

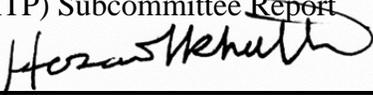
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ATTACHMENT:

None.

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DATE: March 1, 2012
TO: Transportation Committee (TC)
FROM: Naresh Amatya, Transportation Planning Manager, amatya@scag.ca.gov, 213-236-1885
SUBJECT: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only - No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its meeting on January 27, 2012, the RTP Subcommittee took several actions related to High Speed Rail:

- *Recommended to extend the deadline to execute the High Speed Rail Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to March 30, 2012, to allow the MOU effort to be completed; and*
- *Recommended to include the entire California/Nevada Super-Speed Train in the Strategic Plan.*

Additionally, the RTP Subcommittee heard a request from a member of the public to increase funding for Active Transportation. After discussion, the Subcommittee concluded that it would not recommend changing the current level of funding for Active Transportation in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective: a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:

The RTP Subcommittee met on January 27, 2012 and took several actions, as summarized in the Executive Summary of this staff report. At the time this staff report was written, the RTP Subcommittee was scheduled to meet again on February 28, 2012. Any additional Subcommittee recommendations will be brought forward to the T C on March 1, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the RTP/SCS development is included in the FY 2011/12 OWP.

ATTACHMENT:

None.

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DATE: March 1, 2012
TO: Transportation Committee (TC)
FROM: Steve Fox, Senior Regional Planner, 213-236-1855, fox@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: High-Speed Rail (HSR) Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only – No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report updates committee members on high-speed rail developments within the last month, including the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) and RTP Subcommittee proceedings.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective: a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:

MOU

The RTP Subcommittee voted to include Phase One of the California High-Speed Train (HST) project in the Constrained Plan only on the condition that the CHSRA enter into a MOU with SCAG and the other rail stakeholder agencies in Southern California to fund improvements in our region's existing passenger rail network. This is because all of the Southern California transportation agencies, stakeholders and the CHSRA agree that investing in our region's existing passenger rail network is necessary to improve both the current and future rail travel markets, and so that the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) and Metrolink networks are optimally blended with the HST project once it is built. The MOU includes a candidate project list to which \$1 billion will be programmed in order to provide interconnectivity to the HST project, and improve the speed, capacity and safety of our existing passenger rail network. Parties to the MOU include:

- CHSRA
- Metrolink
- SCAG
- San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- San Bernardino Association of Governments (SANBAG)

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Key principles of the MOU include:

- The CHSRA agrees to fund an additional \$1 billion in early investments in Southern California above and beyond the already committed \$950 million (not yet allocated) statewide for interregional rail services.
- A candidate project list is incorporated into the MOU for the \$1 billion in early investments to be funded by 2020.
- Performance criteria are agreed on and also incorporated into the MOU for selecting the projects from the candidate project list.
- An agreed upon process for selecting the prioritized project list of these early investments.
- The MOU will be executed by all parties by June, 2012.

On February 2, 2012, the Regional Council (RC) approved the draft MOU and authorized the Executive Director to execute it. Since that meeting, the candidate project list and performance criteria have been further refined by the MOU signatories and their Chief Executive Officers (CEOs).

RTP Subcommittee

At the January 27, 2012 RTP Subcommittee meeting, a representative from the California/Nevada Super-Speed Train Commission made public comment regarding putting the entire project in to the Strategic Plan. Based on RC action through the HSR and RTP Subcommittees, only the Anaheim to Ontario segment of the entire project is included in the Draft RTP. The RTP Subcommittee discussed the request and its merits, and voted to put the entire project in to the Strategic Plan of the Final RTP. This will be brought to the TC and RC under a separate agenda item.

California High-Speed Rail Antelope Valley Alignment

Last spring, the CHSRA decided to restudy the Grapevine alignment as an alternative to the Antelope Valley (AV) alignment. The Grapevine alignment had previously been studied and removed in 2005 as part of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). A consultant-led study was recently completed and reaffirmed the 2005 decision to remove the Grapevine alignment. The study also found additional reasons that further strengthen the AV alignment, such as less impacts on biological resources, much better regional connectivity, less geographical challenges such as turning radii and grades that lead to roughly the same travel time as the Grapevine alignment, and a much higher level of civic and stakeholder support. The CHSRA formally removed the Grapevine alignment at their January 2012 Board meeting.

Based on this action, the RC directed staff to develop a resolution formally supporting the AV alignment through the HSR Subcommittee.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff will continue leading the MOU implementation and brief the TC monthly on HSR implementation and developments in our region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT:

None